571 In 1953 one of these full-time
621 gworongo farmers whose holdings were somewhat above the average, moved
166 his household three-quarters of a mile to the northwest of Gworongo Hamlet to be closer to his fields.(1) With him he took his two wives and a younger brother and his wife. The younger brother also had fields at this spot through inheritance. Two sons moved as well. One has since left to go and live with his father's brother in Maiduguri, and one was preparing for a patrilocal marriage in 1957. A stranger to Gworongo Hamlet arrived in 1954 and cut a bush farm for himself about one mile to the north of the 1953 settlement. He had no wife at the time and reports that he asked the original mover if he might build a hut near the new settlement and take his meals with its head. For this hospitality he helped mend the owner's bramble fences on the gworongo plots, repaired household fences and huts, and sometimes gathered grass for the senior's horse. He has since married (with some financial help in the form of a loan and a gift from the settlement head) and is not a
62 settled member of the new community-in-the-becoming. All residents of this new settlement look upon the founder as its senior member, and when he dies his son (in the settlement) will take over the headship. Disputes between members are always taken to the senior for settlement before going to any higher authorities (which has never been done), while disputes with outsiders follow the general rule of going first to a political leader superior in rank to both participants. The new settlement does not yet have a name; however, in all likelihood, if it continues to grow and expand it will be called Aji or Ajiri after the original founder whose name is Aji.
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(1) This is the reason given by the farmer himself. Local gossip has it that he had quarrelled with the Hamlet Head of Gworongo over taxes.